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Cuba Boots 6 Yanks; 5 Held In Jail Here

By DENIS SNEIGR

Five Americans who were deported from Cuba were held in the Dade County jail today on charges of kidnaping a pilot and stealing a shrimp boat.

The FBI said two of the men, Leonard Malcolm Oeth, 28, of Orlando, and David Thomas Healy, 22, who once lived in Coral Gables, were charged with kidnaping pilot Woodruff Meade, 23, of 4500 SW 93rd Ct., and forcing him to fly them to Cuba April 13.

The other three, William Thomas, 22; Richard Cobb, 30, and Clarence Lee Jones, 25, all of Key West, were charged with stealing the 18-foot shrimp boat Teresa and Julia from Key West and sailing her to Cuba April 14.

BOND AT \$50,000

S. Commissioner Roger Ed Davis set bonds of \$50,000 each for the two accused kidnapers.

Bonds of \$25,000 each were set for Davis for the other three men.

The five accused men and Meade were sent to Miami yesterday from Havana aboard a regular Pan American World Air-

ways flight. The shrimp boat and the plane, a Cessna 170, remained in Cuba.

Wesley G. Grapp, FBI agent in charge here, said the five men were arrested as they left the PAA plane at Miami International Airport.

Meade told newsmen that Oeth and Healy sought political asylum in Cuba.

DEMONSTRATION RIDE

Meade is a pilot for American Aviation Corporation at Tamiami Airport. He said he first saw Oeth and Healy when they came to the airport April 13 and identified themselves as Harold Moore and Jim Eastham.

They asked for a demonstration ride and also said they wanted to take motion pictures from the air.

When they were at 3,000 feet over Crandon Park, Meade said, one of his passengers shoved a pistol against his head and told him to fly south along the coast to the Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys.

ORDERED TO CUBA

There, said Meade, he was ordered to fly to Cuba. He put the plane down at a military training field near Havana and he and his passengers were taken into custody by Cubans.

"The Cubans told me the penalty for violating Cuban air space was five years in jail. I was scared," Meade said.

The six men were kept in various Cuban prisons until their deportation.

"The Cubans asked me if I worked for the FBI, the CIA, Immigration and so on," Meade said.